

U. S. Chemical Laboratory.
Wkesville, Md. Co. Md. Nov. 28. 1850.

Prof. R. F. McCallum
Princeton, N. J.

Dear Sir,

I wrote you some weeks since in regard to an patent for refining gold and recommended its sale to the U. S. Govt for the \$25,000 which has been appropriated for the purchase of it. Not having received a reply, I write again to repeat, that as the value of an invention is very precarious when so many improvements are being constantly made, I think it better to accept the terms provided in the act of Congress & will be glad if you will say whether you concur or not.

Whatever is to be done in the matter should now be done without delay and therefore I beg you to write your answer at once that we may act as soon as a report from the Director of the Mint is made.

I shall write to Booth to day saying that I have written you as above and at the same time will urge him to hasten the completion of his experiments.

Yours truly,

Charles W. Smith

November 28 1880

C. Moffit Pikeville

Pikeville, Ky. Nov. 28. 1880

Prof. H. H. Hilditch
Pikeville, Ky.

Dear Sir,

I have just received your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the \$25.00 which has been appropriated for the purchase of a copy of the "History of the State of Kentucky" and I am glad to hear that you are interested in the work. I have no objection to your having a copy of the work and I will be glad to send you a copy if you will say so.

Whether it is to be done in the winter or in the summer is a matter of course and I have no objection to your having a copy of the work. I will be glad to send you a copy if you will say so.

Yours truly,
C. Moffit